

SHELTON CHRONICLE

ALABAMA'S TWO YEAR COLLEGES RAISE TUITION FALL SEMESTER

Shelton State Community College will follow the lead of other two-year colleges in the state this fall by raising college tuition rates. The action is the result of a vote by the Alabama State Board of Education at its March 26 meeting. At this meeting the state board adopted a new tuition schedule effective with the 1998-99 fall term. Each two-year college in the state must select one rate for tuition along with a technology fee and a facility renewal fee.

The new tuition range for two-year colleges is \$40 - \$52 per semester hour. Before the increase, each college had an instructional fee that was separate from tuition cost. Under the new tuition schedule, the instructional fee is included in the new tuition rate.

The fall 1998 tuition at Shelton State will be \$48 per credit hour, which includes instructional fees. Shelton

will also have a \$2 facility renewal fee. These fees will be used to purchase equipment and increase technology in support of laboratories and classrooms at the college.

The rationale for the board's action is based on the fact that tuition and fee rates were last adjusted in 1994 and still reflect amounts well below public four-year institutions. The range of the tuition increase allows the colleges to provide adequate and safe facilities for students and employees and to provide for quality education through technologically advanced instructional equipment. Tuition and fees are the primary revenue source for two-year colleges after the state appropriation and represent the only source of income the college may establish in order to balance budgets.

According to Dr. Fred Gainous, chancellor of the Department of Postsecondary Education, Alabama's two-year colleges are the best educational bargain in the state and last year cost every Alabamian only about 12 cents per day.

"When a two-year college system provides education and job training to nearly 100,000 Alabamians annually at a cost to its citizens of less than the price of a can of soda each day, less than the cost of a book in many instances, even less than the cost of a subscription to a magazine or newspaper in many instances, then it is the best educational bargain in the state.

When it costs each household less than it spends on cable television, less than it spends on hamburgers, less than it spends on movies, to provide postsecondary education and job training to nearly 100,000 citizens a

year, then the two-year college system is the best educational bargain in the state," Gainous said.

SHELTON HOSTS WORKSHOP BY AWARD-WINNING ARTIST

Award-winning painter and book illustrator Ned Bittinger will be at Shelton State Community College on Monday, June 1, to conduct a painting workshop from 6 - 8 p.m. The workshop, which will be held in Room D-4, is located near the atrium area of the college. The workshop is free and open to the public.

As part of the session, Bittinger will demonstrate the process of illustrating a book and will actually draw a black and white illustration. He will also present a slide presentation of the entire process of the drawings reaching publication for a book.

During the past four years, Scholastic Press commissioned Bittinger to illustrate several children's books. His most recent, **ROCKING HORSE CHRISTMAS**, by Mary Pope Osborne, was chosen by The American Booksellers as their "Pick of the Lists."

His second book, **THE BLUE AND THE GRAY**, written by Eve Buntin, was selected by The International Readers Association for their "Teachers' Choice Award," and by the children of Indiana for their "Hoosier Young Readers' Award." In 1995 the American Library Association awarded the "Notable Children's Book Award" to Bittinger's first book, **THE**

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MATZAH THAT PAPA BROUGHT HOME by Fran Manushkin. Articles about Bittinger have appeared in publications such as Georgetown and Country, Albermarle Magazine, Washingtonian Magazine, People Magazine, The Artist's Magazine, American Artist, Lands' End Catalog, and The Charlottesville Daily Progress.

His list of portrait subjects includes former Secretaries of State James A. Baker and Lawrence Eagleburger for the United States Department of State; John Evans, founder of C-Span; actress Shirley MacLaine; and many others from the corporate, legal, medical and diplomatic professions. His paintings are included in the collections of Dr. Henry Kissinger, University of Virginia, Loyola College, George Washington University, and the Baker Institute of Public Policy. He is a native of Washington, D.C. and received his undergraduate degree from Denison University in Granville, Ohio, and his Master of Fine Arts degree from George Washington University.

KEEPING THE LINES IN THE WATER

According to Shelton's department of institutional advancement (grants and awards), there has been a great increase in the participation from faculty and staff members. Director Steve Coker says there is a tremendous opportunity for the college to receive extra dollars this year as the staff at the college becomes more involved.

"If we continue to *bait the hook* and *keep our line in the water*, sooner or later the fish will bite," Coker said. "A wide variety of funding sources have been identified. Naturally, the basic funding sources such as ISTE, NSF, Gender Equity and Carl Perkins are being approached. We are also working toward other creative projects with the nursing department and Pfizer Health, Welfare-to-Work, School-to-Work, collaborations with the University of Alabama on Electromechanical Systems and Internet Curriculum Delivery, Virtual Libraries, and various technology incentives."

"Most of the new grant RFPs require collaboration and staff involvement. Shelton has a great atmosphere for that type of cooperation. Teachers are encouraged to seek out opportunities in their trade journals and then work with this department for development," Coker said.

For more information on grants and awards, call Coker, ext. 2220.

NOBODY HERE BUT US CHICKENS

Theatre Tuscaloosa
Schedules SecondStage
Show

NOBODY HERE BUT US CHICKENS, an evening of three one-act plays, will be presented by Theatre Tuscaloosa's SecondStage, June 3-6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Wilson Carr Rehearsal Hall of the fine arts centre on campus. The three plays, written by Peter Barnes, author of the films *Enchanted April*, *The Ruling Class*, and NBC's mini-series *Merlin*, explore the world of physical limitations. **NOBODY HERE BUT US CHICKENS** looks at these characters "not as a different species but, like the rest of us, absurd and ridiculous; only they have it harder."

The first play, **NOBODY HERE BUT US CHICKENS**, deals with two individuals hospitalized because they believe themselves to be chickens. Directed by SecondStage coordinator Tina Fitch, the play features actors Barry Austin and Jonathan Yukich. **MORE THAN A TOUCH OF ZEN**, directed by John King with actors Cari Rhoads, Jonathan Yukich and Tee Quillin, looks at two people with physical handicaps in a judo class. The third play, **NOT AS BAD AS THEY SEEM**, explores the challenges of personal relationships and marriage. This play is also directed by Tina Fitch and features Drew Baker, John King, and Tee Quillin.

"I'm delighted we've selected such a funny script for our first performance in the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Centre," says executive producer Paul Looney. "These plays clearly demonstrate the range of

works produced as part of SecondStage. I'm eager to see how our new Wilson Carr Rehearsal Hall works as a performance venue."

General admission seating is \$5 and tickets may be purchased at the door. For additional information, call Theatre Tuscaloosa, 2277.

FACES 'N PLACES

* A large contingent of well wishers and friends helped dedicate Shelton's new "Brooks-Cork" Library on May 27. The library, which is named for Karen Phifer Brooks and Susan Phifer Cork, is one of the college's real show places. Congratulations to Deborah Grimes, director of library services, for a job well done.

* The Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education has a new web site address for The Alabama College System: <http://www.acs.ccal.us>. Now you will be able to find important news and information about Alabama's public two-year colleges quickly and easily. For more information concerning the web site, please E-mail us at hostmaster@acs.cc.al.us or call (334) 242-2990.

* Electronics will be highlighted as Shelton State's "Program of the Month" for June. Watch for more about the electronics program and its outstanding students during the next few week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEIGH ANN WYATT, OUR WINNER IN THE "WHERE WERE YOU IN THE 70'S" CONTEST IN THE MAY ISSUE OF THE CHRONICLE. WYATT CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED THE SONG "SOMEONE SAVED MY LIFE TONIGHT" AND ARTIST ELTON JOHN.
